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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action dated May 19, 2008, Applicants submit the following amendments and remarks. A petition for a three (3) month extension of time is submitted herewith.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims beginning on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 4 of this paper.